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1. A/DCM MET WITH AHMED HOSNY OF THE MFA LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS LOS MATTERS. A/DCM MADE POINT CONTAINED REFTL (A) CONCERNING IMPORTANCE OF CARACAS CONFERENCE MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. SAID THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DISPEL NOTION THAT NO HEADWAY WILL BE MADE IN CARACAS AND THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LEFT FOR VIENNA IN 1975. HOSNY RESPONDED THAT HE AGREED FULLY WITH US VIEW. GOE WAS COUNTING ON PROGRESS BEING MADE IN CARACAS AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE ATTENDING WITH EVERY INTENTION OF MAKING CONFERENCE PRODUCTIVE. MFA DIRECTOR LEGAL AFFAIRS ABDUL HAMID WOULD BE ONE OF CONFERENCE VPS AND THAT "WHILE MANY
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STATES WILL BE ATTENDING AND CONSENSUS DIFFICULT TO

OBTAIN, EVERYONE SHOULD GO BELIEVING IN THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS."

2. WITH REGARD TO COMPOSITION OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE, HOSNY SAID NO REAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE. HE SAID ABDUL HAMID WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY GO. HE HAS ATTENDED EVERY OTHER CONFERENCE. WHEN PRESSED ON SIZE OF DELEGATION AND A/DCM SUPPLIED FIGURE OF EIGHT PERSONS, HOSNY SAID "THAT WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT." (FYI: DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, HOSNY REALLY KNOWS AT THIS DATE HOW LARGE DELEGATION WILL BE.) WITH REGARD TO DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE GOE DELEGATION WILL HAVE AT CONFERENCE, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ABDUL HAMID, BEING GOE'S EXPERT ON THE SUBJECT, WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS LARGELY WILL BE THOSE HE HAS WORKED OUT FOR HIMSELF WHILE IN CAIRO.

3. A/DCM PASSED PAPER ON US VIEWS ON COASTAL SEABED RESOURCES AND DRAFT ARTICLES ON RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (ENCLOSURES TO REF (C) TO HOSNY. AFTER REVIEWING PAPER, HE REMARKED GOE IN GENERAL GOES ALONG WITH POINTS MADE. HE FOUND NO PROBLEM IN POINT A. OF PAPER. IN REFERRING TO POINT B. AND PROPOSAL COASTAL STATES BE REQUIRED TO ENFORCE MINIMUM INTERNATIONALLY AGREED STANDARDS, HOSNY SAID THAT THESE WERE ISSUED WHICH WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AT CARACAS. SIMILARLY, SETTING UP INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY IN THE LOS CONVENTION TO FORMULATE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS RELATED TO EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF SEABEDS WAS A MATTER WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED AT CARACAS.

4. WITH REGARD TO POINT C. RELATED TO PROTECTION OF INVESTMENT, HOSNY CLAIMED THAT THIS ITEM WAS NEW TO HIM. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT, COASTAL STATES WOULD BE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND IT SEEMED ONLY LOGICAL TO EXPECT THAT COASTAL STATES WOULD LIVE UP TO

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THEIR CONTRACTS. REGARDING POINT D., WITH WHICH HE WAS FAMILIAR, HE SAID THAT THE GOE WAS OF THE VIEW THAT IT SHOULD SUPPORT THE GENERAL TREND TO ASSIST DEVELOPING STATES.

5. ON THE MATTER OF COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, HOSNY POINTED OUT THAT OBVIOUSLY THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY TO

SETTLE DISPUTES ON LOS MATTERS. HOWEVER, THIS
COULD BE A COMPLEX ISSUE AND WAS ANOTHER AREA IN
WHICH PROGRESS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM DISCUSSIONS
AT CARACAS.

6. HOSNY SAID HIS OFFICE WOULD GO OVER DRAFT
ARTICLES AND WOULD COMMENT ON THEM AT A LATER DATE.

7. HOSNY CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR
WORK DONE BY USG IN LOS FIELD AS REPRESENTED BY
PAPERS WE WERE MAKING AVAILABLE TO GOE. LATTER
ASSISTED EGYPTIANS IN DOING THEIR OWN PAPERWORK AND
IN FOCUSING ON ISSUES.
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